

Harold Brown Adkinson papers

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Summary Information

Repository	Rare Books and Manuscripts
Title	Harold Brown Adkinson papers
Date	1877-1943, undated
Extent	3.6 Cubic feet 2 cubic foot boxes, 3 manuscript boxes, 2 index card boxes
Language	English

Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note

Harold Brown Adkinson, an only child, was born to Hubert M. and Elizabeth B. Adkinson on Aug. 22, 1906 in Indianapolis, IN. He worked as a salesman until he became an Indianapolis Fire Department firefighter in 1934. Adkinson and his wife Jean had a son, Wm. H. He was fatally injured in a fire truck accident on Dec. 16, 1944, died Dec. 22, and is buried in Crown Hill Cemetery in Indianapolis.

Adkinson took great interest in collecting memorabilia and particularly photographs of the Indianapolis Fire Department and 19th century Mississippi and Ohio River steamboats.

Information found within the collection.

"Adkinson, Harold B.". 1930 United States Federal Census. Retrieved 2016/02/22. <http://search.ancestrylibrary.com>

"Adkinson, Harold B.". 1940 United States Federal Census. Retrieved 2016/02/22. <http://search.ancestrylibrary.com>

"Adkinson, Harold Brown". Find a Grave Memorial. Retrieved 2016/02/22. <http://www.findagrave.com>

Scope and Contents

This collection includes photographs and negatives; Indianapolis Fire Department event programs; Indianapolis Fire Department records, procedures and scrapbooks; an index to Ohio and Mississippi River steamboat images; newspaper clippings and brochures about steamboats and flatboats, newspaper clippings from Indianapolis Fire Department in Indianapolis, Indiana ranging from 1877-1943 regarding the Indianapolis Fire Department, steamboats and flatboats.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged by subject.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

Rare Books and Manuscripts

Conditions Governing Access

This collection is open for research.

Conditions Governing Use

Legal title, copyright, and literary rights reside with Rare Books and Manuscripts, Indiana State Library, Indianapolis, IN. All requests to publish or quote from manuscripts must be submitted to Rare Books and Manuscripts.

Custodial History

This collection was received by Rare Books and Manuscripts partially as a donation and partially as a purchase from Harold Brown Adkinson.

Accruals

No further additions are expected.

Processing Information

Collection processing completed 2010/05 by Brent Abercrombie. EAD finding aid created 2016/02/24 by Edythe Huffman.

Related Materials

Related Archival Material

Materials relating to this collection may be found in the following collections in Rare Books and Manuscripts, Indiana State Library, Indianapolis, IN:

P11: Adkinson Steamboat photograph collection

P12: Adkinson Fire Department photograph collection

Controlled Access Headings

Geographic Name(s)

- Indianapolis (Ind.)
- Switzerland County (Ind.)

Personal Name(s)

- Adkinson, Harold Brown, 1906-1944

Subject(s)

- Fire departments--Indiana--Indianapolis--History
- Steamboat lines--History--19th century
- Steamboat lines--History--20th century

Collection Inventory

	Box	Folder
Indianapolis firemen roster, 1877	1	1
Indianapolis Fire Department alarms documents, 1888 January-1891 August	1	2
Indianapolis Fire Department miscellaneous programs and papers, 1891-1928	1	3
Indianapolis Fire Department miscellaneous papers, 1930-1940, undated	1	4
Mississippi and Ohio River Steamboat photographs index, 1932	1	5
Miscellaneous steamboat newspaper clippings, circa 1920s	1	6
Steamboat newspaper clippings scrapbook, 1921-1922	1	7
Steamboat newspaper clippings scrapbook, 1922-1927	1	8
Steamboat brochures, circa 1920s	1	9
Switzerland County flatboat newspaper clippings, 1844-1858	1	10
Negatives and photographs, 1915-1934, undated	1	11

	Box	
Indianapolis Fire Department general information and past pension fund members, A-I index cards, undated	2	
Indianapolis Fire Department past pension fund members, A-I; past pension fund members, A-Z index cards, circa 1940s	3	
	OverSIZE	Object
"Companies running to each box" document, undated	OB74	1
"Fire alarm signals" documents, undated	OB74	2
	Box	Volume
Hose Company alarms and activities diary and records, undated	4	1
Fire alarm record book, 1891-1894	4	2
Fire alarm record book, 1893-1896	4	3
Fire alarm record book, 1897-1900	4	4
Fire alarm record book, 1901-1904	4	5
Fire alarm record book, 1905-1909	4	6
Fire alarm record book, 1910-1914	4	7
Fire alarm record book, 1920-1924	4	8

Fire alarm record book, 1924-1928	4	9
Scrapbook, 1919-1931	5	10
Scrapbook, 1931	5	11
Scrapbook, 1931-1934	5	12
Scrapbook, 1934-1936	6	13
Scrapbook, 1935-1940	6	14
Scrapbook, 1940-1941	6	15
Scrapbook, 1941-1943	6	16
Fire alarm signal codes documents, undated	6	17
Hose Company Number 20 fire alarm signal codes, undated	6	18